

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Presently amended) A sanding attachment, for use ~~by a user having arms having hands,~~ in conjunction with an existing reciprocating power tool having a coupling end into which a variety of different attachments may be selectively fitted, said sanding attachment for sanding rough surfaces of an existing object, comprising an elongated strip of metal having:

a top surface;

a bottom surface;

an attachment end for selective attachment to the coupling end of the power tool;

a sanding end, the bottom surface of the sanding end having a sanding strip for rapidly and efficiently abrading a rough surface while the sanding attachment is being deployed; and

at least one bend, provided so that the attachment end and the sanding end are substantially offset from one another, thereby providing a sanding attachment which is suitably configured for efficiently sanding a surface, after it has been selectively attached to the power tool, and after the power tool is held within the hand or hands of the user.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Presently amended) The sanding attachment as recited in claim 2, having two bends, namely, a first bend more proximal to the attachment end than to the sanding end, and a second bend more proximal to the sanding end than to the attachment end, wherein the net result of the two bends is that the attachment end and the sanding end are substantially mutually perpendicular to one another, thereby providing a sanding attachment which is suitably positioned for efficiently sanding a substantially horizontal surface, after the sanding attachment has been selectively attached to the power tool, and after the power tool is ~~held within the hand or hands of the user and~~ vertically lowered against the surface to be sanded.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Original) The sanding attachment as recited in claim 4, wherein the sanding surface of the sanding strip has a plurality of small, raised protuberances for rapidly abrading a rough surface.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Original) The sanding attachment as recited in claim 6, wherein the sanding strip is rigidly affixed to the bottom surface

of the sanding end by an attachment method chosen from a group of attachment methods consisting of welding, the use of screws, and the use of rivets.

8. (Original) The sanding attachment as recited in claim 7, wherein the elongated strip of the sanding attachment is substantially rectangular.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)